

REMARKS

Claims 2-8 are pending in this application.

Rejections under 37 U.S.C. §103

Claims 2-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Okamoto et al. (WO-03/11978). Applicants' respectfully traverse this rejection.

To provide further clarification, Applicants wish to first provide additional background information of the presently claimed composition.

As described in the background art of Applicants' specification, the conventional composition comprising a polyoxyalkylene polymer containing a reactive silicone group has a problem in surface tackiness. If an amine compound is added thereto, the surface tackiness can be improved but there arise problems in mechanical strength and tackiness to the substrate.

In order to solve these problems, epoxy curing is used in combination with hydrosilyl curing in the presently claimed invention. Namely, the claimed invention is characterized in using an epoxy resin and a curing agent for an epoxy resin containing a tertiary amine in the composition containing a primary or secondary amine.

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserts that Okamoto et al discloses a curable composition comprising "a silicon-group terminated polyoxypropylene polymer (EP505S Table 1)", laurylamine, which is a primary amine having a melting point of greater than 20 degrees C, and epoxy resin (Epikote 828, Table 1), water, and calcium carbonate fillers (Table 1).

EP505S is not polyoxypropylene, but an isobutylene polymer. The details of EP505S are disclosed in Okamoto et al at Col. 21, line 65 to Col. 22, line 1. In Table 1 of Okamoto et al, there is no disclosure, teaching, suggestion or any reasoning for the addition of a polyoxypropylene.

The claimed invention is aimed to improve the inherent problems of polyoxypropylene wherein dust adheres after coating to make the surface dirty, since the surface after curing still remains tacky for a long period of time. See Applicants' specification, Background Art, pages 1-2.

Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would not achieve the presently claimed invention from the disclosure of Okamoto et al, since Okamoto et al fails to disclose, teach, suggest or provide any reasoning for the addition of polyoxypropylene.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

For at least the foregoing reasons, the claimed invention distinguishes over the cited art and defines patentable subject matter. Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action by applicants would be desirable to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned attorney.

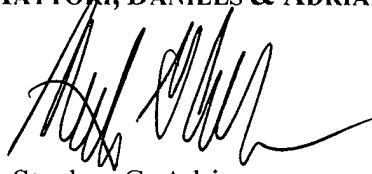
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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